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LETTER DATED 27 FEBRUARY 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

I have the honour to request your good offices, in your capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, in the publication as an official document of the Committee of the text of the note verbale dated 25 February 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the United States Mission to the United Nations (see annex).

The above document contains information about some incidents which occurred that very day across the street from the premises of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations as a whole and involving an attack against one Cuban diplomat in particular.

(Signed) Bruno RODRIGUEZ PARRILLA

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ANNEX

[Original: Spanish]

Note verbale dated 25 February 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the United States Mission to the United Nations

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United States Mission to the United Nations and wishes to refer to the issue of the security of foreign Missions and of their personnel.

In this connection, the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations wishes to inform the United States Mission to the United Nations that since 6.35 p.m. yesterday, 24 February 1996, the Permanent Mission of Cuba has received several telephone calls warning of the use of explosives and physical threats against the diplomatic Cuban Mission and against Cuban officials working at the Mission.

Today, 25 February 1996, the First Secretary of the Mission, Mr. Felipe Mario Medina González, was the victim of an act of physical aggression which has been reported to the New York City Police Authorities. At this very moment, a group of persons is picketing in front of the Permanent Mission of Cuba in a very aggressive and threatening manner.

Accordingly, the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations requests the United States Mission to the United Nations to adopt sufficient and appropriate measures to guarantee the security of the personnel and the normal functioning of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations.

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LETTER DATED 27 FEBRUARY 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

I am kindly requesting you, in your capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, to circulate the enclosed text of the note verbale dated 27 February 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the United States Mission to the United Nations as an official document of the Committee.

(Signed) Bruno RODRIGUEZ PARRILLA

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ANNEX

Note verbale dated 27 February 1996 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the United States Mission to the United Nations

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United States Mission to the United Nations and wishes to refer to the question of the security of the Missions and their personnel.

As to this matter, the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations wishes to inform to the United States Mission to the United Nations that, on the afternoon of 26 February 1996, Mr. Manuel Piloto Farrucha, Third Secretary of this Mission, was the object of harassment and verbal provocation by two individuals who moved away from the area of the demonstration taking place across the street from the premises of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations. This incident did not result in more serious consequences thanks to the timely detention of said individuals by the host country's police who were near the place where the demonstration was taking place.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations requests that, in the face of incidents of such nature, which indicate an evident escalation of acts of harassment and threats against the Permanent Mission of Cuba and the physical and moral integrity of Cuban officials, the United States Mission to the United Nations make sure that necessary and sufficient measures to guarantee the security of the personnel and the good functioning of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations be adopted.

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LETTER DATED 1 MARCH 1996 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY, ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

I request that note verbale No. HC-01-96, dated 27 February 1996 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations be circulated as a document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (see annex).

The note verbale in question describes the various actions taken by the host country in advance of, and in response to, the various concerns of the Permanent Mission of Cuba as reflected in its note verbale to this Mission of 25 February 1996.

(Signed) Victor MARRERO

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ANNEX

Note verbale dated 27 February 1996 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations and refers to the latter's note verbale NV.169 of 25 February 1996 (A/AC.154/285, annex).

The United States Mission regrets the incident of physical aggression committed against First Secretary Felipe Mario Medina González on 25 February by unknown assailants. In keeping with the obligations of the host country, the New York Police Department immediately began an investigation into the charges of assault against Mr. Medina, as well as additional charges of robbery. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has also begun a federal investigation under the United States statute for the protection of foreign officials. These investigations are proceeding rapidly. Federal and local law-enforcement agencies regret that they have not yet been afforded the opportunity to meet again with Mr. Medina to gather additional information about the incident. Such information would be helpful to further their efforts to identify the individuals responsible and to pursue this case to a just conclusion. It is hoped that such a meeting will take place as soon as possible.

The United States Mission takes further note of the Permanent Mission's demand that the host country take sufficient and proper measures to guarantee the security of the Permanent Mission and its personnel. The United States Mission regrets that its was not informed by the Permanent Mission of Cuba, until receipt of note verbale NV.169 on 25 February, of several telephone calls during the evening of 24 February warning of physical threats against the Mission and mission members. Nevertheless, as the Permanent Mission is well aware, federal and local law-enforcement officials responded quickly to a spontaneous demonstration which began shortly after noon on 25 February. When some of the protesters at that demonstration became unruly and refused to move the required distance from the Permanent Mission, 13 individuals were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Their cases are pending before the courts.

The United States Mission wishes once again to reiterate that it takes its host country obligations to assure the security of diplomatic missions and their personnel extremely seriously. In that light, the United States Mission has requested, and the New York Police Department has agreed to an increase in the existing uniformed police coverage at the Mission until further notice.

The United States Mission will provide additional information concerning the incident involving Mr. Medina as it becomes available.

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LETTER DATED 4 MARCH 1996 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

I request that the text of note verbale No. HC-02-96 dated 1 March 1996 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations be circulated as a document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (see annex).

(Signed) Victor MARRERO

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ANNEX

Note verbale dated 1 March 1996 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations and wishes to respond to the latter's note No. NV.180 dated 27 February 1996 (A/AC.154/286) concerning the commendation of the prompt action on the part of the host country police who prevented a serious incident in the vicinity of the Cuban Mission on 26 February 1996.

The United States Mission is pleased that the Cuban Mission has acknowledged the timely intercession by New York City police to prevent demonstrators from interfering with the function of the Cuban Mission and to safeguard the well-being of Cuban personnel. This increased police presence will be maintained in the vicinity of the Cuban Mission for as long as it is necessary.